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6 March 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs .

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SUBJECT : Mr. Kent Crane
Murphy Commission

REFERENCE : My memo to AD/DCI/IC, SECOM-D-41, dated
25 February 1975, Subject: Security Review of
Murphy Commission Report

STATINTL 1. At your request Mr. Kent Crane of the Murphy Commission met with me and Mr. of my staff on 4 March 1975. Mr. Crane requested the meeting in connection with the security review we had conducted of the Intelligence section of the Murphy Commission report. Mr. Crane informed that while he had not received the official review he was aware of its contents and wanted to explore further why references to the Reconnaissance Office were considered classified since it was already general knowledge in the public domain.

2. He was informed that we recognized some publicity had been given to this subject but in spite of this classification and special handling requirements remained in effect for the Executive Branch. Mr. Crane was told that authority for classification is contained in a DoD Directive, TS 5105.23 of 27 March 1964 and he was referred to the Department of Defense for action on downgrading or declassification.

3. Mr. Crane said that he was sorry to learn that the material was still considered classified and said that he would go to the Defense Department to discuss how it could be handled in the report. It was his opinion that thought should be given to the mood of Congress in today's environment which he sees as requiring careful consideration of the necessity for classification and access to more intelligence materials.

4. Mr. Crane said that he originally desired to complete the Intelligence section of the Commission's report by February but that it had now been decided to issue the entire report as a unit by June 1975.

5. Mr. Crane thanked us for the security review of the draft and said that he might be back in touch if other materials raised a security question as he redrafted the report.



Chairman, Security Committee

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